AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (original) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus and a mail address of the at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user selected by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination for a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 2. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 3. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 4. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 5. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 6. (original) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus and a mail address of the at least one user;

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a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user selected by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 7. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 8. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 9. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 10. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 11. (original) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus and a mail address of the at least one user; and

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory;

a controller configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user selected by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

Claim 12. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 13. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 14. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 15. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claims 16-28. (canceled).

Claim 29. (original) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing the information regarding the identification of at least one user and a mail address of the at least one user, the method comprising:

selecting the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory;

setting the selected information regarding the identification of the user and the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 30. (original) The method according to claim 29, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 31. (original) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing the information regarding the identification of at least one user and a mail address of the at least one user, the method comprising:

selecting the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory;

setting the selected information regarding the identification of the user and the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a replay to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 32. (original) The method according to claim 31, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 33. (original) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an

openable document, a memory storing the information regarding the identification of at least one user and a mail address of the at least one user, the method comprising:

selecting the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory;

setting the selected information regarding the identification of the user and the selected mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

Claim 34. (original) The method according to claim 33, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claims 35-44. (canceled).